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Picture Perfect

READ:

Chicago has lots of fun things to do in the summer, from sports to outdoor concerts, to movies and days at the beach, to just walking around to see the sights and skyscrapers. What kinds of activities do you like to do in the summer?

DO:

- **Cut** the Pictionary Clues apart.
- **Add** your own clues to the mix.
- **Put** all the clues in the basket and mix them up well!
- **Gather** your family and the oldest player will be the first artist. The artist will pull one of the clues out of the bowl, read it and then set it aside. Don't let anyone see what you will be drawing. The artist will begin to draw a picture so the others play can guess what it is.
- **Shout out** the answer when you have an idea. Once someone gets the right answer, they become the next artist. After the clue is correctly guessed, read the information to the players.
- **Form** teams, if you have enough people playing.

Approx. Time: 30—45 minutes

Materials:

- ⇒ Pictionary Clues
- ⇒ Plain Paper/Easel
- ⇒ Drawing Supplies—markers work best
- ⇒ Whiteboard and whiteboard markers (optional)
- ⇒ Bowl or basket
- ⇒ Timer (egg timer, or cell phone)

SHARE:

- **Post** your drawings or even a recording of a round on social media with the hashtag #CHMatHomeFamilies.



Summer Fun Chicago Pictionary Clues

Baseball—

Chicago has two professional baseball teams; the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox.
Which one is your favorite?

The Bean—

This shiny sculpture in Millennium Park is by Anish Kapoor and is formally known as *Cloud Gate*, but most Chicagoans just call it the 'the Bean'.

Skyscrapers—

Built in 1885, the Home Insurance Building was the first modern skyscraper. The architect used steel and iron to create a skeleton inside instead of using brick, stone, or wood.

Soccer—

One of the first soccer matches in Chicago took place in 1883 almost 140 years ago. The 39th Street Wanderers played the Pullman Works soccer team. Today many Chicagoans play soccer and watch the Chicago Red Stars or the Chicago Fire soccer teams.

Football—

The Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl in 1985 and the members of the team recorded a memorable song called the "Super Bowl Shuffle".

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Ferris Wheel—

Chicago had the first ever Ferris Wheel. It opened June 21st of 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition at Jackson Park on the south side.

Beaches—

Chicago has over 20 beaches where you can swim and enjoy the outside. Most are on the lakefront, but one is inland at Humboldt Park.

Boats —

The first ship built in Chicago was called the *Clarissa* in 1835! Boatbuilders could be seen along the Chicago River until 1940s! Today you can see lots of different types of boats in the Chicago River including sailboats, kayaks, canoes, powerboats, water taxis, and tour boats.

Pizza —

Chicago-style pizza first appeared in 1943. This style includes lots of cheese in a thick crust, cornmeal on the bottom, cooking at a very high oven temp 500-600 degrees Fahrenheit (which is hotter than most home ovens) and baked for around an hour!

Hot Dogs—

Traditional Chicago style hot dogs include an all-beef hot dog with tomato wedges, pickle spears, sport peppers, yellow mustard, green relish, onions and celery salt on a poppyseed bun.

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Chicago River —

The Chicago River actually flows backwards! It used to flow into Lake Michigan, but in 1900 the Sanitary and Ship Canal reversed the River to flow south to the Illinois River and eventually the Mississippi River!

Lake Michigan—

Lake Michigan's name comes from an Algonquin word *Michigami* which means "great water" and it is the only one of the 5 Great Lakes that is entirely within the United States.

Player Choices— add your own clue about something in your neighborhood.

Player Choices— add your own clue about something in your favorite summer food.

Player Choices— add your own clue about something in your favorite summer activity.